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24 Hour Crime Cycle in New Jersey — 1998

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NEW JERSEY CRIME CLOCK — 1998

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CRIME INDEX FOR THE STATE - 1998

OFFENSES	NUMBER OF INDEX OFFENSES	RATE PER 1,000 INHABITANTS	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	NUMBER OF OFFENSES CLEARED	PERCENT OF OFFENSES CLEARED
MURDER	321	k	0.1	248	77.3
RAPE	1,623	0.2	0.5	899	55.4
Rape	1,406	0.2	0.5	800	56.9
Attempted Rape	217	k	0.1	99	45.6
ROBBERY	15,115	1.9	5.1	4,251	28.1
Firearm	4,604	0.6	1.6	925	20.1
Knife or Cutting Instrument	1,502	0.2	0.5	454	30.2
Other Dangerous Weapon	1,293	0.2	0.4	372	28.8
Strong Arm (Hands, Fists, etc.)	7,716	1.0	2.6	2,500	32.4
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	18,663	2.3	6.3	11,706	62.7
Firearm	2,360	0.3	0.8	1,039	44.0
Knife or Cutting Instrument	3,850	0.5	1.3	2,403	62.4
Other Dangerous Weapon	6,149	0.8	2.1	3,551	57.7
Strong Arm (Hands, Fists, etc.)	6,304	0.8	2.1	4,713	74.8
BURGLARY	54,491	6.8	18.4	7,387	13.6
Forcible Entry	36,438	4.6	12.3	5,039	13.8
Unlawful Entry - No Force	11,980	1.5	4.0	1,813	15.1
Attempted Forcible Entry	6,073	0.8	2.0	535	8.8
LARCENY - THEFT	171,267	21.4	57.7	35,604	20.8
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	35,158	4.4	11.9	1,899	5.4
Automobiles	31,710	4.0	10.7	1,667	5.3
Trucks and Buses	2,028	0.3	0.7	130	6.4
Other Vehicles	1,420	0.2	0.5	102	7.2
TOTAL CRIME INDEX	296,638	37.1	100.0	61,994	20.9
VIOLENT CRIME	35,722	4.5	12.0	17,104	47.9
NONVIOLENT CRIME	260,916	32.6	88.0	44,890	17.2

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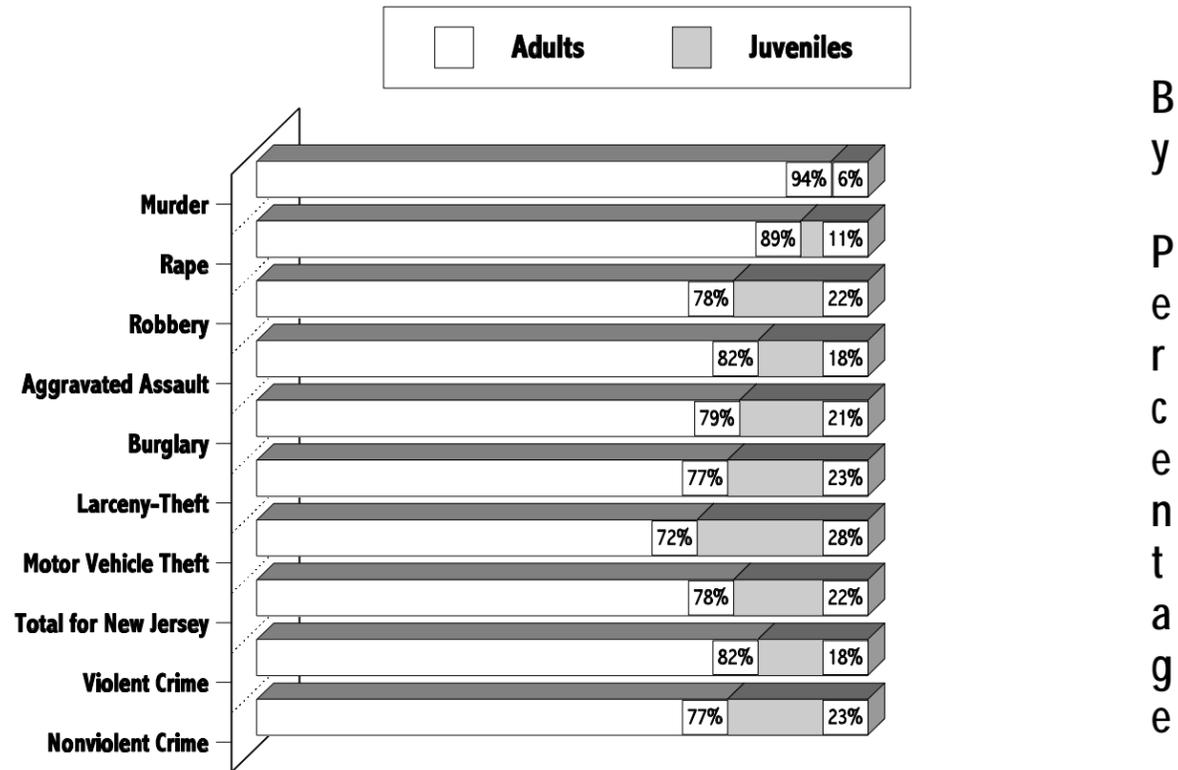
CRIME TRENDS—NUMBER—RATE—CLEARANCES 1997/1998—PERCENT CHANGES

INDEX OFFENSES	NUMBER OF OFFENSES	RATE PER 1,000 INHABITANTS	NUMBER OF OFFENSES CLEARED	PERCENT OF OFFENSES CLEARED	
MURDER	1997 1998	334 321	k k	283 248	84.7 77.3
Percent Change	-4	&	-12	-9	
RAPE	1997 1998	1,730 1,623	0.2 0.2	912 899	52.7 55.4
Percent Change	-6	0	-1	5	
ROBBERY	1997 1998	16,953 15,115	2.1 1.9	4,571 4,251	27.0 28.1
Percent Change	-11	-10	-7	4	
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1997 1998	20,635 18,663	2.6 2.3	12,670 11,706	61.4 62.7
Percent Change	-10	-12	-8	2	
BURGLARY	1997 1998	60,941 54,491	7.6 6.8	8,394 7,387	13.8 13.6
Percent Change	-11	-11	-12	-1	
LARCENY - THEFT	1997 1998	185,142 171,267	23.2 21.4	38,005 35,604	20.5 20.8
Percent Change	-7	-8	-6	1	
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1997 1998	41,177 35,158	5.2 4.4	2,216 1,899	5.4 5.4
Percent Change	-15	-15	-14	0	
TOTAL CRIME INDEX	1997 1998	326,912 296,638	40.9 37.1	67,051 61,994	20.5 20.9
Percent Change	-9	-9	-8	2	
VIOLENT CRIME	1997 1998	39,652 35,722	5.0 4.5	18,436 17,104	46.5 47.9
Percent Change	-10	-10	-7	3	
NONVIOLENT CRIME	1997 1998	287,260 260,916	35.9 32.6	48,615 44,890	16.9 17.2
Percent Change	-9	-9	-8	2	

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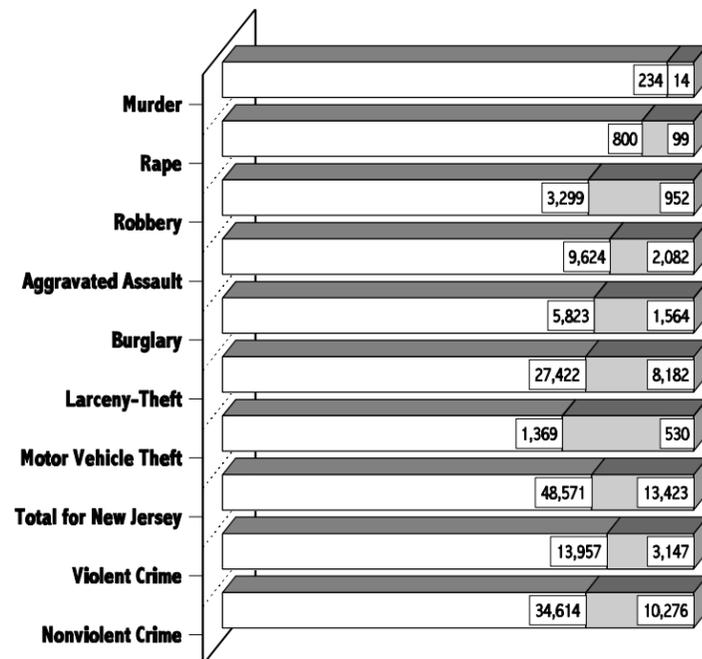
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Index Offenses Cleared Adult and Juvenile Distribution — 1998



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TYPE AND VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN AND RECOVERED 1997/1998

TYPE OF PROPERTY	YEAR	VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN	VALUE OF PROPERTY RECOVERED	PERCENT OF VALUE RECOVERED	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY STOLEN
Currency, Notes, etc.	1997	\$38,320,211	\$2,063,495	5.4	7.0
	1998	\$35,436,498	\$2,058,762	5.8	7.2
	Percent Change	-8	*	7	3
Jewelry and Precious Metals	1997	\$45,617,476	\$2,069,339	4.5	8.4
	1998	\$41,213,723	\$2,195,303	5.3	8.4
	Percent Change	-10	6	18	0
Furs	1997	\$676,850	\$22,484	3.3	0.1
	1998	\$448,181	\$24,608	5.5	0.1
	Percent Change	-34	9	67	0
Clothing	1997	\$11,044,584	\$3,431,359	31.1	2.0
	1998	\$10,240,861	\$2,110,581	20.6	2.1
	Percent Change	-7	-38	-34	5
Motor Vehicles	1997	\$328,902,567	\$202,076,698	61.4	60.2
	1998	\$300,289,174	\$167,261,030	55.7	60.9
	Percent Change	-9	-17	-9	1
Miscellaneous	1997	\$121,565,210	\$14,080,141	11.6	22.3
	1998	\$105,836,461	\$9,703,194	9.2	21.4
	Percent Change	-13	-31	-21	-4
TOTAL PROPERTY	1997	\$546,126,898	\$223,743,516	41.0	100.0
	1998	\$493,464,898	\$183,353,478	37.2	100.1
	Percent Change	-10	-18	-9	-

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* Percent change less than one-half of one percent

STATE OF NEW JERSEY FIVE YEAR RECAPITULATION OF OFFENSES 1994 THROUGH 1998

OFFENSES	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
MURDER	396	408	337	334	321
RAPE	1,964	1,924	1,972	1,730	1,623
Rape	1,683	1,639	1,680	1,500	1,406
Attempted Rape	281	285	292	230	217
ROBBERY	22,696	22,474	18,859	16,953	15,115
Firearm	7,658	7,191	5,625	5,023	4,604
Knife or Cutting Instrument	2,166	2,088	1,826	1,613	1,502
Other Dangerous Weapon	1,644	1,632	1,374	1,397	1,293
Strong Arm (Hands, Fists, etc.)	11,228	11,563	10,034	8,920	7,716
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	23,343	22,771	21,252	20,635	18,663
Firearm	4,526	3,772	3,264	2,804	2,360
Knife or Cutting Instrument	4,966	4,736	4,473	4,259	3,850
Other Dangerous Weapon	7,130	6,897	6,655	6,616	6,149
Strong Arm (Hands, Fists, etc.)	6,721	7,366	6,860	6,956	6,304
BURGLARY	72,062	69,547	63,163	60,941	54,491
Forcible Entry	51,836	48,798	43,711	41,818	36,438
Unlawful Entry - No Force	12,401	13,070	12,611	12,587	11,980
Attempted Forcible Entry	7,825	7,679	6,841	6,536	6,073
LARCENY - THEFT	195,562	206,421	194,074	185,142	171,267
Over \$200	80,137	85,209	78,391	74,294	67,835
\$50 - \$200	53,467	57,258	54,585	52,414	49,608
Under \$50	61,958	63,954	61,098	58,434	53,824
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	50,132	50,161	46,437	41,177	35,158
Automobiles	47,982	45,951	41,911	37,394	31,710
Trucks and Buses	432	2,380	2,743	2,180	2,028
Other Vehicles	1,718	1,830	1,783	1,603	1,420
TOTAL CRIME INDEX	366,155	373,706	346,094	326,912	296,638
CRIME RATE PER 1,000	47.4	48.3	43.8	40.9	37.1
VIOLENT CRIME	48,399	47,577	42,420	39,652	35,722
NONVIOLENT CRIME	317,756	326,129	303,674	287,260	260,916

STATEWIDE CRIME SUMMARY - 1998

CRIME INDEX – VOLUME/RATE

- There were 296,638 Index offenses in 1998, a 9 percent decrease compared to 1997.
- The crime rate of the state is 37.1 victims for every 1,000 permanent inhabitants, a decrease of 9 percent compared to 1997.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- August with 28,595 offenses reported, recorded the highest incidence of Crime Index offenses while February was the lowest with 21,867 offenses.
- The total value of property stolen amounted to \$493.5 million in 1998, a 10 percent decrease from 1997.
- Value of property recovered was \$183.4 million, resulting in a recovery rate of 37 percent.
- Stolen motor vehicles accounted for 61 percent of stolen property and 91 percent of the recovered property value.

CRIME INDEX ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- A total of 63,558 persons were arrested for Index offenses, which represents a 10 percent decrease compared to 1997.
- Adult Index arrests decreased 9 percent and juvenile arrests decreased 14 percent.
- Crime Index arrests accounted for 14 percent of the total arrests in 1998.
- Males accounted for 74 percent of the Crime Index arrests and females accounted for 26 percent.
- Fifty-four percent of the Index arrests were white, 44 percent were black and 2 percent were other races.
- Hispanics accounted for 15 percent of the arrests for Index offenses.
- Police cleared 21 percent of the Index offenses and juveniles accounted for 22 percent of these clearances.

VIOLENT CRIME SUMMARY

This category consists of the following Index offenses: Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault.

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- There were 35,722 violent crimes reported in 1998, a 10 percent decrease compared to the violent crimes reported in 1997.
- Violent crimes accounted for 12 percent of the total Crime Index.
- The violent crime rate decreased 10 percent to 4.5 victims for every 1,000 permanent inhabitants.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- The highest number of violent crimes were reported in August with 3,350 offenses while the lowest number was reported in February with 2,682 offenses.
- The value of property stolen as a result of violent crime was \$ 9.3 million.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Arrests for violent crime offenses decreased 7 percent to 18,086.
- Violent crime arrests accounted for 28 percent of the Index arrests and 4 percent of the total arrests during the year.
- Adult arrests for violent crime decreased 5 percent and juvenile arrests showed a 15 percent decrease.
- Adults accounted for 78 percent of the violent crime arrests while the remaining 22 percent were juveniles.
- Males were responsible for 82 percent and females for 18 percent of the violent crime arrests.
- Forty-five percent of those arrested were white, 54 percent were black and 1 percent were other races.
- Hispanics accounted for 16 percent of the arrests.
- Forty-eight percent of all violent crimes were cleared and juveniles accounted for 18 percent of these clearances.

NONVIOLENT CRIME SUMMARY

This category consists of the following Index offenses: Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft.

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- There were 260,916 nonviolent crimes reported in 1998, a 9 percent decrease compared to the 287,260 reported in 1997.
- Nonviolent crime accounted for 88 percent of the total Crime Index.
- The nonviolent crime rate decreased 9 percent to 32.6 victims per 1,000 inhabitants in 1998.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- The largest number of nonviolent crimes were reported in August with 25,245, while the lowest number was reported in February with 19,185.
- The total value of property stolen as a result of nonviolent crime amounted to \$484.2 million.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- There were 45,472 nonviolent crime arrests, this represents a decrease of 12 percent when compared to 1997.
- Nonviolent crime arrests accounted for 72 percent of the Index arrests and 10 percent of the total arrests during 1998.
- Juveniles were responsible for 30 percent of the nonviolent crime arrests and adults 70 percent.
- Adult nonviolent crime arrests decreased 10 percent while juvenile arrests decreased 14 percent.
- Males represented 70 percent and females 30 percent of persons arrested for nonviolent crime.
- Fifty-eight percent of all persons arrested for nonviolent crimes were white, 40 percent were black and 2 percent were other races.
- Hispanics accounted for 14 percent of the arrests.
- Seventeen percent of all nonviolent crimes reported were cleared in 1998, and juveniles accounted for 23 percent of these clearances.

TOTAL ARREST SUMMARY

- There were 439,249 persons arrested in 1998, which represents a 2 percent decrease compared to 1997.
- The arrest rate for 1998 decreased 2 percent to 55.0 persons arrested per every 1,000 inhabitants.
- Adult arrests decreased 1 percent to 362,456 and juvenile arrests decreased 8 percent to 76,793 in 1998.
- Adults accounted for 83 percent and juveniles 17 percent of the total state arrests.
- Persons under 21 years of age accounted for 32 percent of all arrests.
- Males accounted for 80 percent and females 20 percent of the total persons arrested during the year.
- Fifty-nine percent of the total persons arrested in 1998 were white, 40 percent were black and 1 percent were other races.
- Hispanics accounted for 14 percent of the arrests.

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED AND ASSAULTED SUMMARY

- There were no police officers feloniously killed in the line of duty during 1998.
- New Jersey reported 3,433 police officers assaulted in the line of duty in 1998.

CRIME IN NEW JERSEY, UNITED STATES AND THE NORTHEAST REGION

- The Crime Index in New Jersey decreased 9 percent, while the United States decreased 7 percent and the Northeast Region decreased 8 percent.
- Violent crime in New Jersey decreased 10 percent, the United States decreased 7 percent and the Northeast Region decreased 7 percent.
- Nonviolent crime in New Jersey decreased 9 percent, while the Northeast Region decreased 8 percent and the United States decreased 7 percent.

INDIVIDUAL INDEX OFFENSES* Percent Change 1997/1998

	New Jersey	United States	Northeastern States**
Murder	- 4	- 8	- 11
Rape	- 6	- 5	- 6
Robbery	- 11	- 11	- 12
Aggravated Assault	- 10	- 5	- 4
Burglary	- 11	- 7	- 11
Larceny-Theft	- 7	- 6	- 7
Motor Vehicle Theft	- 15	- 10	- 14

*United States and Northeastern States' statistics are preliminary.

**Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania.

MURDER

DEFINITION

Murder is defined as the unlawful killing of a human being with malice aforethought. Any death due to a fight, argument, quarrel, assault, or commission of a crime is included. This Index offense is counted by police on the basis of their investigation without regard to findings of a court, jury or the decision of a prosecutor. Attempts to kill, are scored as aggravated assaults and not as murder. Suicides, accidental deaths, negligent manslaughters, and justifiable homicides are not counted, nor reflected in the murder classification.

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- There were 321 murders reported to law enforcement agencies of the state in 1998, a 4 percent decrease compared to the 334 murders reported in 1997.

- Murders accounted for one-tenth of one percent of the reported Index offenses, and 1 percent of the violent crime.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- The age group of 20-24 accounted for 17 percent of all murder victims.
- Firearms were used in 45 percent of the murders, knives or cutting instruments in 22 percent, blunt objects in 6 percent and physical force in 14 percent.
- Forty-two percent of the offenders were friends or acquaintances of the victim, while 13 percent were relatives, and 15 percent were strangers.
- Felony murders accounted for 14 percent of all murder circumstances. Robbery was the motive in 12 percent of the 45 felony murders.
- Fifty-two murders were recorded on Sunday for the high, while Monday was the lowest, with 36.
- August, recorded the highest number of murders, with 46, while May recorded the lowest with 17.
- Forty percent of the murders occurred on highways or streets, 22 percent in multi-family or apartment dwellings, and 19 percent in single family dwellings.
- The total value of property stolen because of murder amounted to \$3,647.
- Drug-related arguments accounted for 6 percent (18) of all murder circumstances.

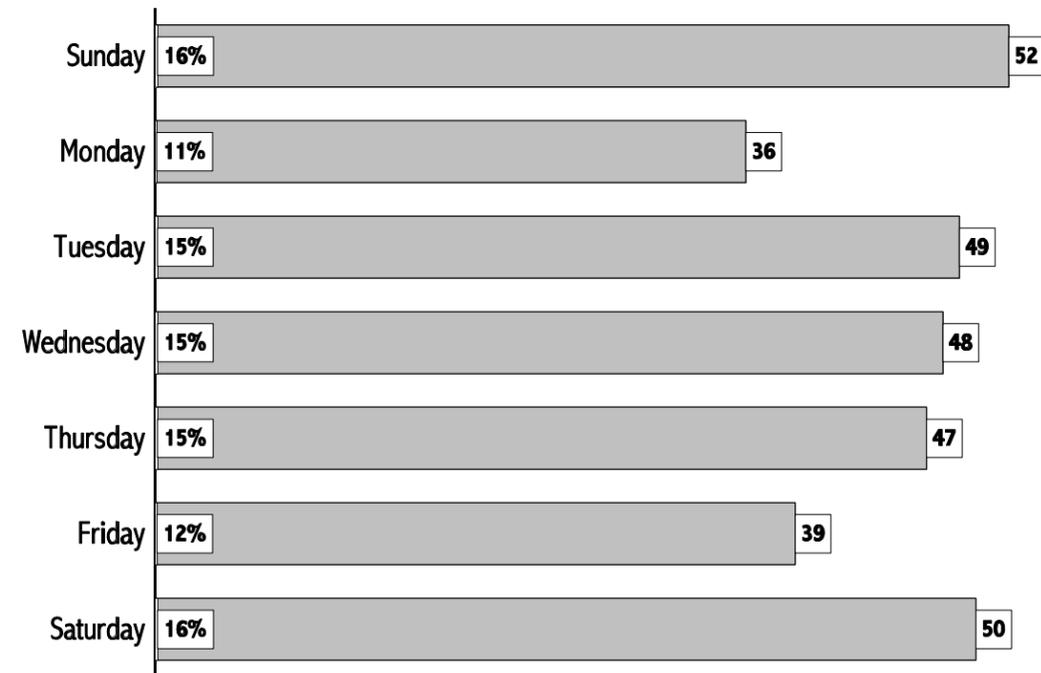
ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- A total of 268 persons were arrested for murder in 1998, a 22 percent decrease compared to 1997.
- Adult murder arrests decreased 19 percent (from 299 to 241) and juvenile arrests decreased 41 percent (from 46 to 27).
- Fifty-eight percent of persons arrested for murder were black, 42 percent were white.
- Hispanics accounted for 18 percent of the arrests and nonhispanics accounted for 82 percent.
- Seventy-seven percent of the murders were cleared in 1998 (248 out of 321). Juveniles accounted for 6 percent of those cases cleared.
- Males accounted for 88 percent and females 12 percent of those arrested for murder.

Murder Scenario

Most frequent day	Sunday	Most frequent offender:	Percent of total arrests:
Most frequent month	August	Age Group: 25-29	14
Most frequent weapon	Handgun	Sex: Male	88
Most frequent location	Street/Highway	Race: Black	58
Most frequent victim:		Percent of age group:	Percent of total victims:
Age Group:	20-24	100	17
Sex	Male	89	72
Race	Black	66	52

MURDER BY DAY OF WEEK

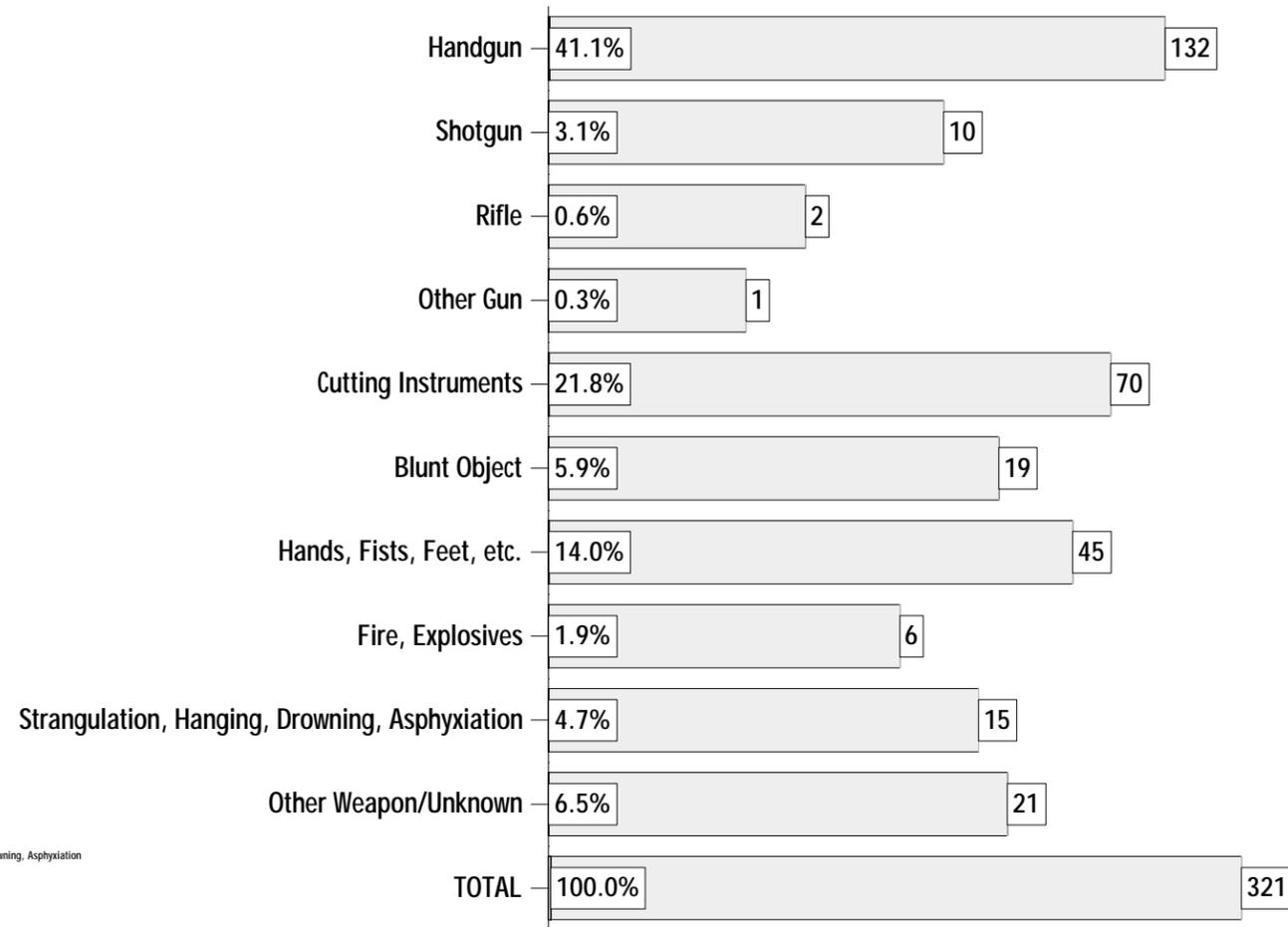


MURDER VICTIMS BY AGE, SEX AND RACE —1998

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	SEX		RACE			
			MALE	FEMALE	WHITE	BLACK	AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATIVE	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER
Under 1 •	6	1.9	3	3	4	1	-	-
1 - 4	10	3.1	4	6	6	4	-	-
5 - 9	1	0.3	-	1	1	-	-	-
10 - 14	3	0.9	1	2	2	1	-	-
15 - 19	43	13.4	38	5	12	31	-	-
20 - 24	53	16.5	47	6	18	35	-	-
25 - 29	41	12.8	33	8	13	26	-	2
30 - 34	31	9.7	17	14	16	15	-	-
35 - 39	42	13.1	23	19	16	25	-	1
40 - 44	22	6.9	16	6	12	10	-	-
45 - 49	21	6.5	13	8	12	7	-	2
50 - 54	10	3.1	8	2	6	4	-	-
55 - 59	11	3.4	9	2	8	2	-	1
60 - 64	4	1.2	3	1	2	2	-	-
65 - 69	4	1.2	3	1	2	2	-	-
70 - 74	2	0.6	2	-	1	1	-	-
75 and Over	12	3.7	6	6	10	2	-	-
Unknown	5	1.6	4	1	5	-	-	-
TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY	321	-	230	91	146	168	0	6
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	-	100.0	72	28	45	52	0	2

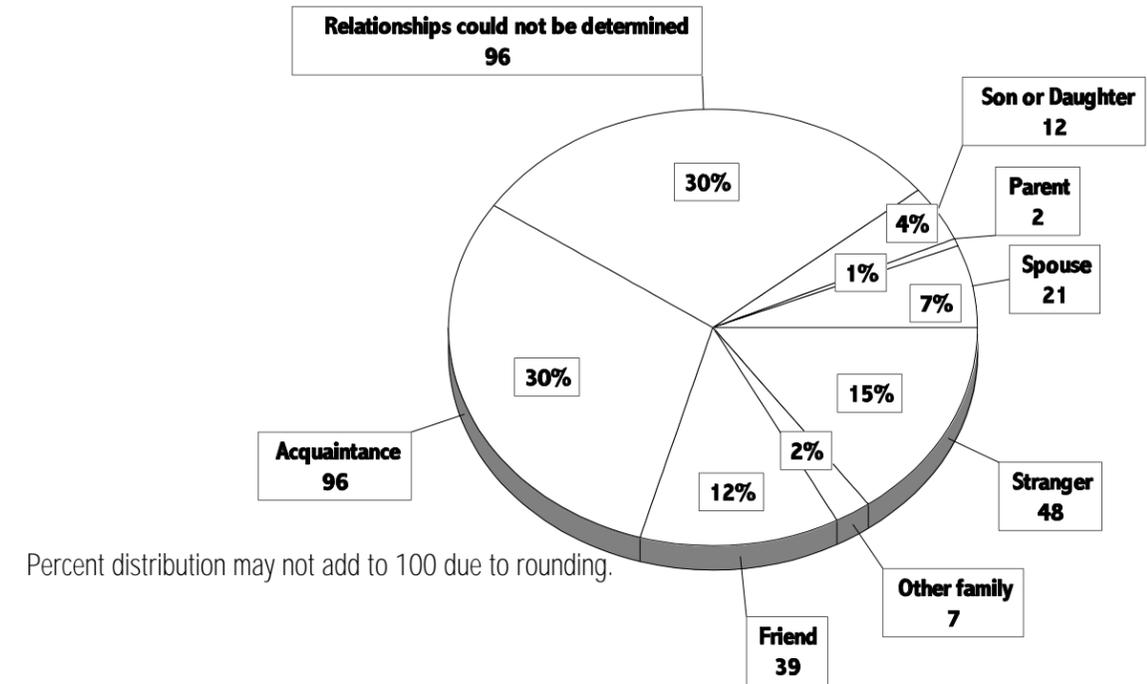
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MURDER — DISTRIBUTION BY TYPE OF WEAPON



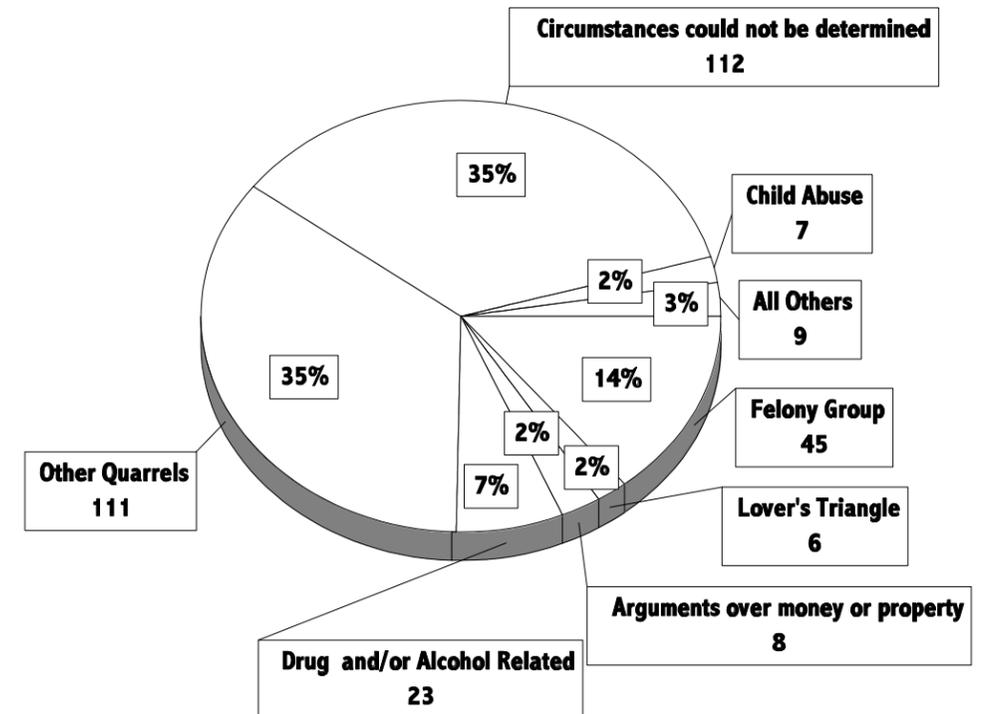
Drowning, Asphyxiation

RELATIONSHIP OF MURDER VICTIMS TO OFFENDER

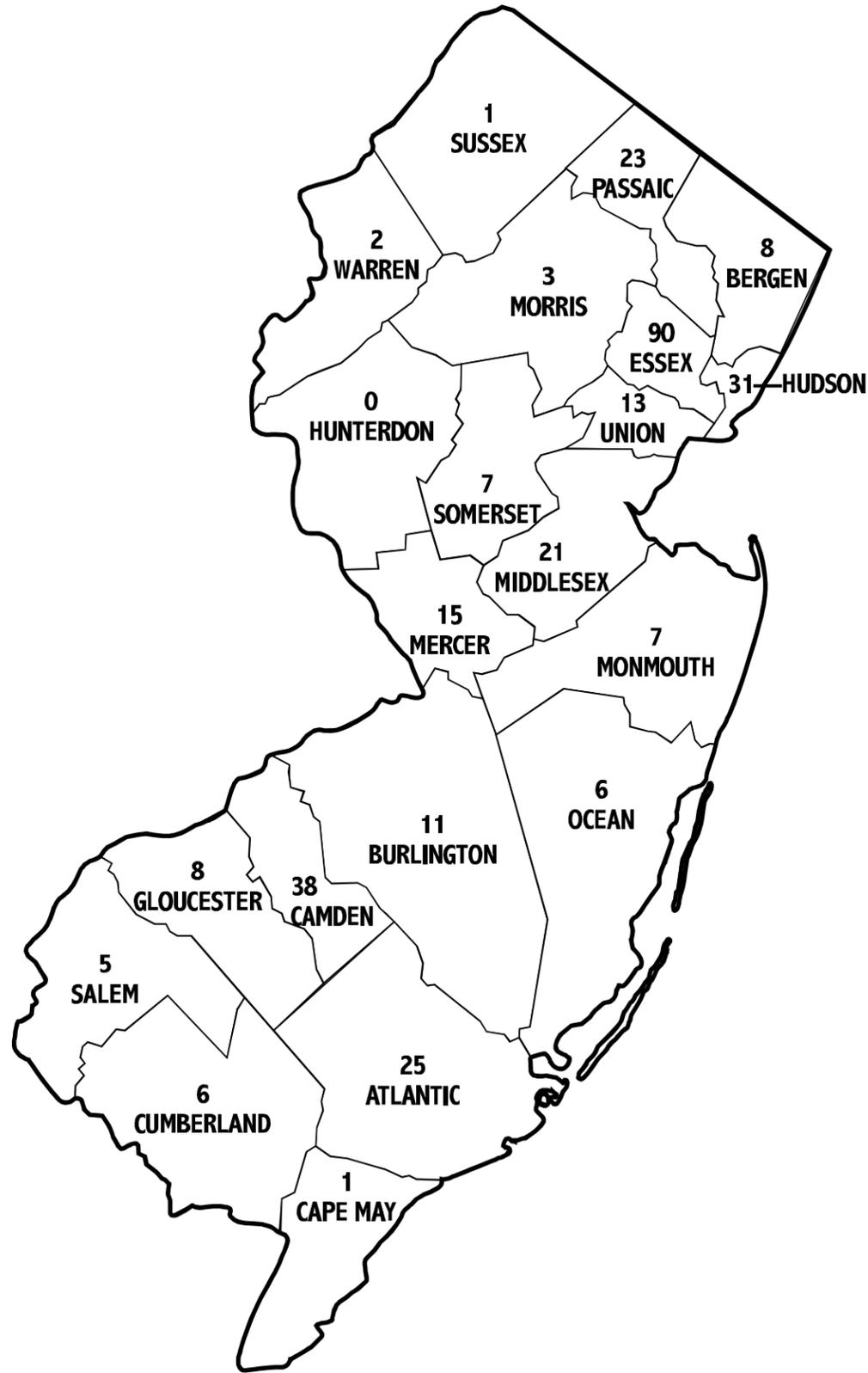


MURDER CIRCUMSTANCES

- Forty-eight of the 62 domestic violence murders occurred in the Other Quarrels category.



MURDERS BY COUNTY - 1998



RAPE

Definition

Rape is defined as the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. All assaults and attempts to rape are counted, but carnal abuse, rape without force (statutory rape) and other sex offenses are not included.

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- There were 1,623 reported rapes in 1998, a decrease of 6 percent compared to the 1,730 in 1997.
- Rape accounted for five-tenths of one percent of the total Crime Index and 5 percent of all violent crimes.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- Eighty-seven percent of the rapes were forcible, the remaining 13 percent were attempts to rape.
- The total value of property stolen as a result of rape amounted to \$15,323.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- A total of 773 persons were arrested during 1998, a 7 percent decrease compared to 1997.
- Adult rape arrests decreased 2 percent, while juvenile arrests decreased 28 percent.
- Fifty-one percent of the arrested perpetrators were white, 47 percent were black and 1 percent were other races.
- Hispanics accounted for 16 percent of the arrests.
- Forty-two percent of all persons arrested for rape were between 25 and 39.
- Fifty-five percent of all rape cases were solved during 1998. Juveniles accounted for 11 percent of those cases cleared.

Rape Scenario

Most frequent month	July	
Most frequent offender:		Percent of total arrests:
Age Group:	25-29	16
Sex	Male	99
Race	White	51

ROBBERY

Definition

Robbery is defined as the felonious and forcible taking of the property of another, against his will, by violence or by putting him in fear. The element of personal confrontation is always present in this crime. Under the program, all assaults or attempts to rob are included.

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- There were 15,115 robbery offenses in 1998, an 11 percent decrease compared to 1997.
- Robbery accounted for 5 percent of the total Crime Index and 42 percent of all violent crime.
- The robbery rate was 1.9 victims per 1,000 population.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

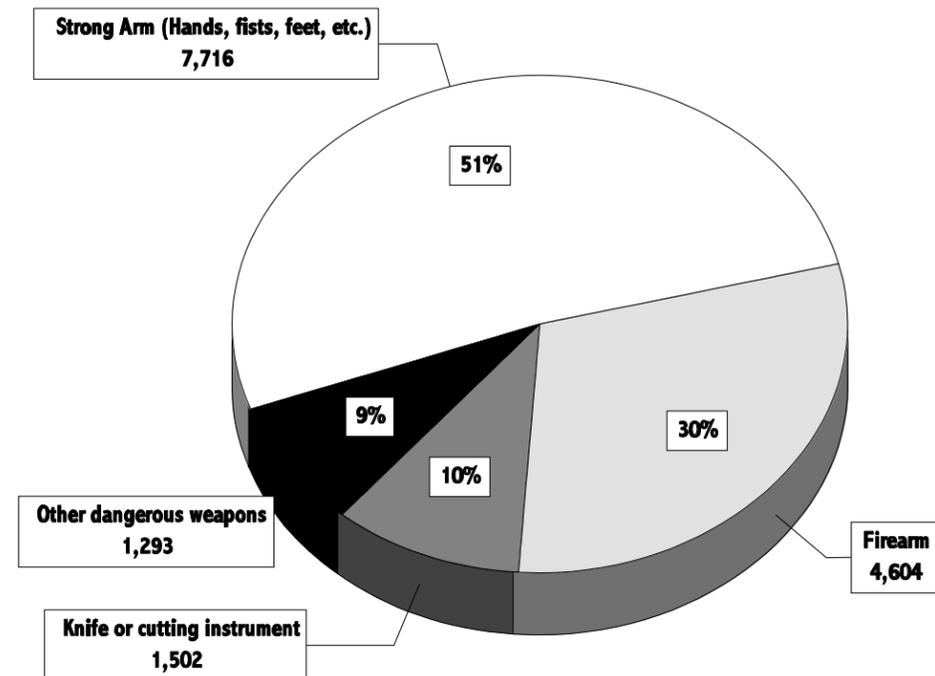
- Highway robberies accounted for 64 percent of all reported robberies.
- Bank robberies increased 42 percent and highway robberies decreased 14 percent.
- Total value of property stolen during robberies amounted to \$9,231,329.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- A total of 4,764 persons were arrested for robbery in 1998, a 9 percent decrease compared to 1997.
- There was a 2 percent decrease in adult robbery arrests, and juvenile arrests decreased 22 percent in 1998.
- Males accounted for 88 percent and females 12 percent of the robbery arrests during 1998.
- Sixty-six percent of all persons arrested for robbery were black, 33 percent were white and less than one-half of one percent were other races.
- Hispanics accounted for 16 percent of the robbery arrests.
- Twenty-eight percent of the robbery cases were cleared and juveniles accounted for 22 percent of these clearances.

Robbery Scenario		
Most frequent month	January	
Most frequent weapon	Strong Arm	
Most frequent location	Highway	
Most frequent offender:		Percent of total arrests:
Age Group:	25-29	14
Sex	Male	88
Race	Black	66

ROBBERY WEAPON DISTRIBUTION



PLACE OF OCCURRENCE

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER OF OFFENSES	TOTAL VALUE	AVERAGE VALUE	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF OFFENSES
HIGHWAY	9,737	\$ 4,300,441	\$ 442	64.4
COMMERCIAL HOUSE	983	\$ 1,396,298	\$ 1,420	6.5
GAS, SERVICE STATION	591	\$ 149,063	\$ 252	3.9
CONVENIENCE STORE	620	\$ 633,700	\$ 1,022	4.1
RESIDENCE	1,296	\$ 1,334,716	\$ 1,030	8.6
BANK	225	\$ 648,786	\$ 2,883	1.5
MISCELLANEOUS	1,663	\$ 768,325	\$ 462	11.0
TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY	15,115	\$ 9,231,329	\$ 611	100.0

Percent distribution may not add to 100.0 due to rounding.

CARJACKING

Highlights of carjacking offense statistics for 1998 are listed below.

- There were 437 carjacking offenses reported to the police; 19 were determined to be unfounded, leaving a total of 418 carjackings, involving 468 victims, including passengers.
- Carjackings decreased 12% when comparing 1998 to 1997.
- Seventy of the 566 municipalities in New Jersey reported carjackings.
- Firearms were involved in 49% (206) of all carjackings. Less than one-half of one percent (1) of the firearms used were assault firearms. Shootings were involved in 4 percent (16) of all carjackings.
- New Jersey registered vehicles represented 93% (387) of all carjackings. Chevrolet, with 12% (51), was the most frequently carjacked vehicle make, while 1993 and 1995 with 8% (34) each, was the most frequently targeted vehicle year.
- Sixty-six percent (275) of all carjacked vehicles were recovered. The average value of a carjacked motor vehicle was \$8,627.
- Carjackings occurred in a residential area 47% (196) of the time. The hours of darkness (6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.) accounted for 70% (294) of all carjackings.
- Eighteen percent (75) of all carjackings were witnessed.
- The most frequent victim age group was 25-29, which accounted for 19% (91) of the victim total (468). Sixty-nine percent (324) of all victims were male. Fifty-one percent (239) of all victims were black.
- The total number of offenders was 709. Insufficient analysis information was supplied on 21% (152) of the offenders. Of all known offenders (557), 20-24 was the most frequent offender age group and accounted for 40% (225). Ninety-five percent (530) of all known offenders were male. Eighty-three percent (463) of all known offenders were black.
- Juveniles accounted for 20% (17) of the total arrests for carjacking (84), while adults accounted for 80% (67).
- July had the highest number of offenses with (43) accounting for 10% of all reported carjacking offenses.
- Sunday recorded the highest number of offenses, accounting for 19% (79) of all reported carjackings.
- Region I, which consists of Essex, Hudson, and Union counties, accounted for 70% (291) of all reported carjackings.
- One murder was reported in 1998 as the result of carjacking.
- Sixteen percent (65) of all carjackings (418) were cleared by arrest.

CARJACKING OFFENSES COUNTY AND STATE TOTALS - 1998

	NUMBER OF OFFENSES	ESTIMATED VEHICLE VALUE	ACTUAL NUMBER OF VEHICLES RECOVERED	OFFENSES CLEARED BY ARREST	NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED
ATLANTIC	4	\$ 42,300	3	1	2
BERGEN	2	\$ 50,000	2	1	-
BURLINGTON	10	\$ 64,800	8	2	2
CAMDEN	41	\$ 288,050	13	-	-
CAPE MAY	-	-	-	-	-
CUMBERLAND	8	\$ 78,000	3	2	2
ESSEX	212	\$ 1,720,540	165	28	36
GLOUCESTER	6	\$ 23,200	4	2	3
HUDSON	32	\$ 340,075	10	3	4
HUNTERDON	-	-	-	-	-
MERCER	19	\$ 204,800	13	2	6
MIDDLESEX	7	\$ 81,100	3	1	1
MONMOUTH	3	\$ 10,000	3	1	1
MORRIS	4	\$ 21,300	4	4	6
OCEAN	3	\$ 38,000	2	-	-
PASSAIC	16	\$ 100,500	7	2	2
SALEM	-	-	-	-	-
SOMERSET	3	\$ 47,000	1	1	1
SUSSEX	1	\$ 8,000	1	1	1
UNION	47	\$ 488,475	33	14	17
WARREN	-	-	-	-	-
STATE TOTAL	418	\$ 3,606,140	275	65	84

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Definition

Aggravated assault, as defined under the New Jersey Uniform Crime Reporting system, is an attempt or offer, with unlawful force or violence, to do serious physical injury to another. Attempts are included since it is not necessary that an injury result when a firearm, knife, or other weapon is used which could result in serious personal injury if the crime was successfully completed.

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- There were 18,663 reported aggravated assaults in 1998, a decrease of 10 percent when compared to 1997.
- Aggravated assault accounted for 6 percent of the total Crime Index and 52 percent of all violent crimes.
- The rate for aggravated assault decreased to 2.3 victims per 1,000 population.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- Physical force (i.e. hands, fists, and feet) was used in 34 percent, and other dangerous weapons (i.e. clubs, bricks, tire irons, etc.) were used in 33 percent of all reported aggravated assaults.
- Firearms were used in 13 percent of all aggravated assaults committed.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

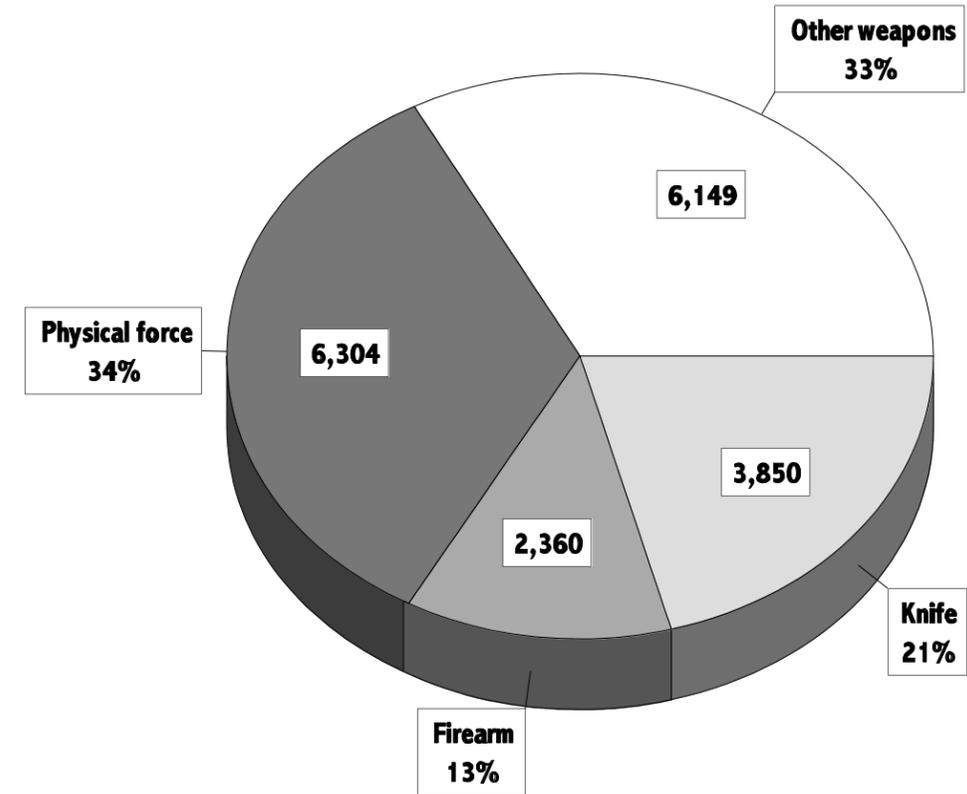
- There were 12,281 persons arrested for aggravated assault in 1998, a 6 percent decrease compared to 1997.
- Adult arrests decreased 6 percent, while juvenile arrests decreased 9 percent.
- Males accounted for 78 percent, and females 22 percent of the aggravated assault arrests.
- Forty-nine percent of the persons arrested for aggravated assault were white, 50 percent were black and 1 percent were other races.
- Hispanics accounted for 16 percent of the arrests.
- Sixty-three percent of all aggravated assault cases were cleared; juveniles accounted for 18 percent of those clearances.

Aggravated Assault Scenario

Most frequent month	August	
Most frequent type	Hands, Fist, Feet	
Most frequent offender:		Percent of total arrests:
Age Group:	25-29	13
Sex	Male	78
Race	Black	50

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WEAPON DISTRIBUTION

Percent may not add to 100 due to rounding.



BURGLARY

Definition

Under this program, burglary is defined as an unlawful entry or attempted entry of any structure to commit a felony or larceny. Data collection for this offense is further categorized as forcible entry, unlawful entry (where no force is used) and attempted forcible entry.

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- There were 54,491 reported burglary offenses in 1998, a decrease of 11 percent.
- Burglary accounted for 18 percent of the total Crime Index and 21 percent of all nonviolent crimes.
- The burglary rate per 1,000 population decreased 11 percent to 6.8 in 1998.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- Sixty-seven percent of all burglaries involved forcible entry, 22 percent were unlawful entry where no force was used and the remaining 11 percent were attempts to forcibly enter, during 1998.
- Residences were targets in 69 percent of the reported burglaries.
- Fifty-three percent of the nonresidential burglaries are known to have occurred between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- Stolen property as a result of burglary statewide, amounted to \$70.2 million, for an average loss of \$1,289.
- The average loss as a result of a residential burglary was \$1,256, while nonresidential burglary loss was \$1,362.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Burglary arrests decreased 12 percent with 8,331 persons arrested.
- Adult arrests decreased 12 percent while juvenile arrests decreased 11 percent.
- Males accounted for 91 percent, and females 9 percent of the burglary arrests.
- Juveniles accounted for 32 percent of all burglary arrests.
- Sixty-two percent of burglary arrests were white, 37 percent were black and 1 percent were other races.
- Hispanics accounted for 16 percent of the arrests.
- Fourteen percent of the burglaries statewide were cleared and juveniles accounted for 21 percent of these clearances.

Burglary Scenario

Most frequent month	August	
Most frequent method of entry	Forcible Entry	
Most frequent premise	Residence	
Most frequent offender:		Percent of total arrests:
Age Group:	30-34	12
Sex	Male	91
Race	White	62

BURGLARY 1998

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER OF OFFENSES	TOTAL VALUE	AVERAGE VALUE	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
RESIDENCE				
Night	10,472	\$10,138,845	\$968	19.2
Day	18,337	\$23,832,183	\$1,300	33.7
Unknown	8,693	\$13,133,951	\$1,511	16.0
RESIDENCE TOTAL	37,502	\$47,104,979	\$1,256	68.8
NONRESIDENCE				
Night	8,973	\$11,329,071	\$1,263	16.5
Day	2,991	\$4,828,782	\$1,614	5.5
Unknown	5,025	\$6,983,672	\$1,390	9.2
NONRESIDENCE TOTAL	16,989	\$23,141,525	\$1,362	31.2
TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY	54,491	\$70,246,504	\$1,289	100.0

Percent distribution may not total 100.0 due to rounding.

LARCENY-THEFT

Definition

The definition of larceny-theft, as provided under this program, is the taking of the property of another with intent to deprive him of ownership. All larcenies and thefts resulting from pocketpicking, purse-snatching, shoplifting, larcenies from motor vehicles, thefts of motor vehicle parts and accessories, bicycle thefts, etc., are included here. Embezzlement, unlawful conversions, larceny by bailee, frauds or bad checks are not included.

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- There were 171,267 larcenies reported in 1998, a decrease of 7 percent compared to the 185,142 in 1997.
- Larceny accounted for 58 percent of the total Crime Index and 66 percent of all nonviolent crimes.
- The rate for larceny per 1,000 population decreased to 21.4 in 1998.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- Thefts of motor vehicle parts and accessories and thefts from motor vehicles, collectively accounted for 30 percent of all larceny-thefts reported.
- Thefts of auto parts and accessories decreased 17 percent in 1998 compared to 1997.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Larceny-theft arrests decreased 11 percent in 1998, with 35,538 persons arrested.
- Juvenile arrests decreased 13 percent and adult arrests decreased 10 percent in 1998.
- Males accounted for 65 percent, and females 35 percent of the larceny arrests.
- Fifty-eight percent of all persons arrested for larceny were white, 40 percent were black and 2 percent were other races.
- Hispanics accounted for 14 percent of the arrests.
- Twenty-one percent of the larcenies were cleared, with juveniles accounting for 23 percent of these clearances.

Larceny Scenario

Most frequent month	July	
Most frequent type	From Motor Vehicles	
Most frequent offender:	Percent of total arrests:	
Age Group:	30-34	13
Sex	Male	65
Race	White	58

LARCENY-THEFT (Except Motor Vehicle Theft) — 1998

CLASSIFICATION BY VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN

CLASSIFICATION BY VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN	NUMBER OF OFFENSES	TOTAL VALUE	AVERAGE VALUE	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
Over \$200	67,835	\$ 108,394,842	\$ 1,598	39.6
\$50 to \$200	49,608	\$ 5,521,009	\$ 111	29.0
Under \$50	53,824	\$ 869,352	\$ 16	31.4
TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY	171,267	\$ 114,785,203	\$ 670	100.0

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS OF LARCENY-THEFT

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER OF OFFENSES	TOTAL VALUE	AVERAGE VALUE	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
Pocket-Picking	3,391	\$ 1,399,132	\$ 413	2.0
Purse-Snatching	1,966	\$ 1,112,001	\$ 566	1.1
Shoplifting	25,019	\$ 4,956,378	\$ 198	14.6
From Motor Vehicles	40,102	\$ 19,985,510	\$ 498	23.4
Motor Vehicle Parts and Accessories	11,659	\$ 4,131,943	\$ 354	6.8
Bicycles	14,648	\$ 3,273,290	\$ 223	8.6
From Buildings	33,574	\$ 38,773,980	\$ 1,155	19.6
From any Coin Operated Machines	1,123	\$ 315,060	\$ 281	0.7
All Other	39,785	\$ 40,837,909	\$ 1,026	23.2
TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY	171,267	\$ 114,785,203	\$ 670	100.0

Percent distribution may not add to 100.0 due to rounding.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Definition

In Uniform Crime Reporting, motor vehicle theft includes all thefts and attempted thefts of a motor vehicle. This includes the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle which is defined as a self-propelled vehicle that runs on the surface and not on the rails. This definition excludes taking a motor vehicle for temporary use, such as family situation, or unauthorized use by others having lawful access to the vehicle. The motor vehicle theft category includes the subheadings of autos, trucks and buses, and other vehicles (motorcycles, mopeds, etc.)

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- There were 35,158 motor vehicle thefts reported in 1998, a decrease of 15 percent compared to the 41,177 in 1997.
- Motor vehicle theft accounted for 12 percent of the total Crime Index and 13 percent of all nonviolent crimes.
- The motor vehicle theft rate of 4.4 victims per 1,000 population represents a 15 percent decrease compared to 5.2 in 1997.

DISTRIBUTION BY TYPE

Type	Number	Percent Distribution
Auto	31,710	90
Trucks and Buses	2,028	6
Other Vehicles	1,420	4

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- Motor vehicles represented 61 percent of the total value of property stolen during 1998.
- Total value of stolen motor vehicles amounted to \$300.3 million during the year.
- The average value of a stolen motor vehicle was \$8,541.
- Recovered vehicle values totaling \$167.3 million represent 91 percent of the total value of recovered property.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- A total of 1,603 persons were arrested for motor vehicle theft, this represents a 22 percent decrease compared to 1997.
- Juvenile arrests decreased 31 percent and adult arrests decreased 13 percent.
- Males accounted for 89 percent, and females 11 percent of the motor vehicle theft arrests.
- Fifty-one percent of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft were white, 49 percent were black and less than one-half of one percent were other races.
- Hispanics accounted for 14 percent of the arrests.
- Five percent of motor vehicle thefts were cleared in 1998, juveniles accounted for 28 percent of these clearances.

Motor Vehicle Theft Scenario

Most frequent month	January	
Most frequent type	Auto	
Most frequent offender:		Percent of total arrests:
Age Group:	15	11
Sex	Male	89
Race	White	51

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT VALUES

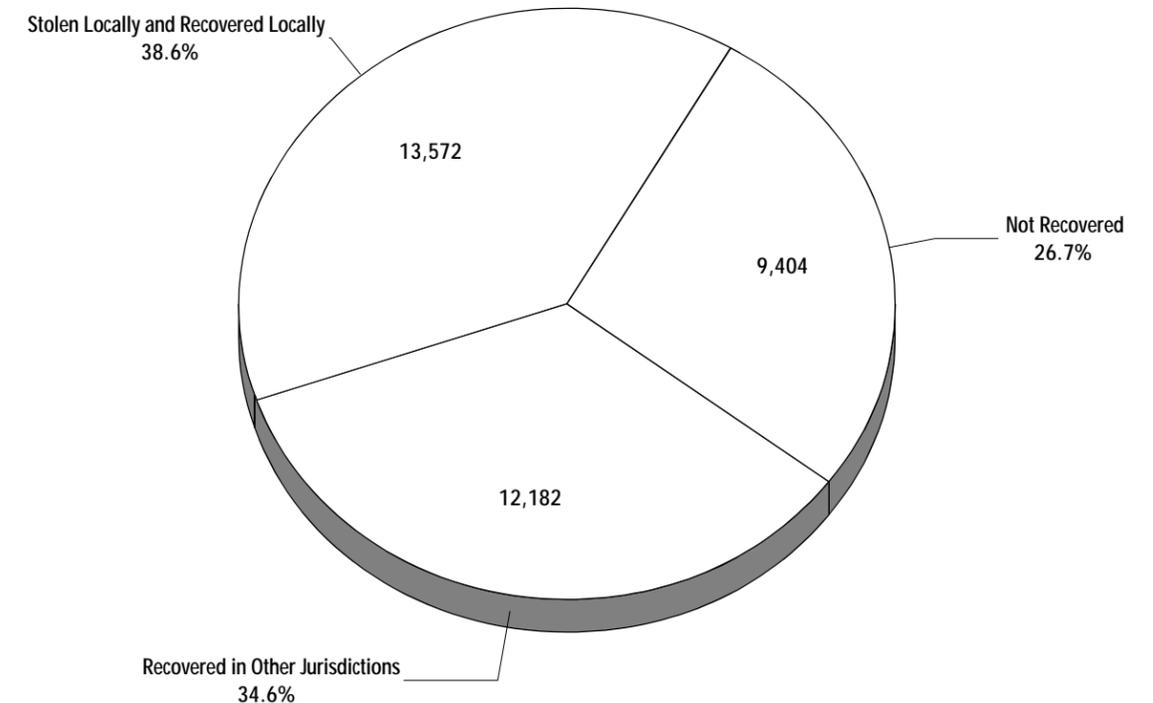
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56% OF STOLEN VALUE RECOVERED

MOTOR VEHICLES RECOVERED — 25,754

Recovery of Motor Vehicles

Total Recovered 25,754 73.3% of Stolen Motor Vehicles Recovered



ARSON

Definition

Arson is defined by the New Jersey Uniform Crime Reporting program as any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling, house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

Only fires determined through investigation to have been willfully or maliciously set are classified as arsons. Fires of suspicious or unknown origins are excluded.

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- There were 2,275 reportable arsons in 1998, which represents a decrease of 12 percent compared to 2,583 in 1997.
- The arson rate remained at 0.3 victims per 1,000 population.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- Fifty-two percent of the arsons were structures, with residences accounting for 35 percent.
- Mobile property, including motor vehicles, accounted for 33 percent of the arsons in the state.
- Other property (timber, crops, etc.) accounted for 15 percent of the reported arsons.
- The total value of property damage due to arson amounted to \$31.0 million for an average dollar value loss of \$13,625.
- The average residential loss was \$19,584 while the average loss to industrial/commercial structures was \$60,278.
- The average motor vehicle loss was \$5,254.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Arson arrests numbered 638 in 1998.
- Adult arrests increased 6 percent while juvenile arrests decreased 4 percent.
- Males accounted for 84 percent, and females 16 percent of the arson arrests.
- Juveniles accounted for 56 percent of the arson arrests.
- Seventy percent of the persons arrested for arson were white, 29 percent were black and 1 percent were other races.
- Hispanics accounted for 15 percent of the arrests.
- The arson clearance rate was 23 percent, and juveniles accounted for 43 percent of these clearances.

Arson Scenario

Most frequent month	August	
Most frequent type	Motor Vehicle	
Most frequent offender:		Percent of total arrests:
Age Group:	13-14	17
Sex	Male	84
Race	White	70

ARSON - 1998

	OFFENSES	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	VALUE DAMAGE	NUMBER CLEARED	PERCENT CLEARED	NUMBER JUVENILES CLEARED	PERCENT JUVENILES CLEARED
Single Occupancy (Residential)	459	20	\$ 9,912,049	129	28	52	40
Other Residential	334	15	\$ 5,618,216	57	17	18	32
Storage	93	4	\$ 2,237,293	23	25	14	61
Industrial Manufacturing	16	1	\$ 2,584,600	2	13	1	50
Other Commercial	91	4	\$ 3,865,146	15	16	6	40
Community, Public	139	6	\$ 2,332,885	51	37	43	84
All Other Structures	51	2	\$ 366,835	16	31	8	50
Total Structure	1,183	52	\$ 26,917,024	293	25	142	48
Motor Vehicles	728	32	\$ 3,660,158	89	12	14	16
Other Mobile Property	23	1	\$ 285,395	1	4	-	0
Total Mobile	751	33	\$ 3,945,553	90	12	14	16
Total Other	341	15	\$ 134,402	145	43	70	48
TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY	2,275	100	\$ 30,996,979	528	23	226	43

Percent distribution may not add to 100 due to rounding.